

Governor Carney Announces Delaware Women's Hall of Fame Inductees

Induction ceremony set for Thursday, September 27 in Dover

WILMINGTON, Del. – Governor John Carney on Friday announced the Office of Women's Advancement & Advocacy and the Delaware Women's Hall of Fame Committee have selected four remarkable women to be inducted into the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women in September.

The inductees include former Second Lady and higher education access advocate, **Dr. Jill Biden**; the first woman and person of color from Delaware to serve in Congress, **Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester**; retired educator, historian, and civic leader **Dr. Reba Ross Hollingsworth**; and former superintendent of the Smyrna School District, **Deborah Wicks**. Each of these remarkable women have made significant and meaningful contributions to Delawareans through their personal and professional achievements.

"This year's Hall of Fame inductees have achieved incredible things in their fields of work," said **Governor Carney**. "Dr. Jill Biden, Debbie Wicks, Dr. Reba Hollingsworth and Representative Lisa Blunt Rochester are role models to all in our state, women who go above and beyond to positively contribute to their communities every day."

Kay Keenan, Chair of the Delaware Women's Hall of Fame Committee, expressed excitement around the diversity of the inductees. "These inductees differ in terms of race, background, and many other components, but their one common

characteristic is the significance of their positive impact in Delaware. I'm honored to have had the opportunity to lead the new Hall of Fame Committee in its first inductee selection."

Inductees will be recognized at the 37th Annual Hall of Fame of Delaware Women awards reception on Thursday, September 27, at Dover Downs. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with heavy hors d'oeuvres and stations, followed by the event program.

Tickets for the event can be purchased online at de.gov/women. Early bird pricing will last through Wednesday, August 15, 2018.

Melanie Ross Levin, Director of the Office of Women's Advancement & Advocacy, encouraged the public to attend the 37th Annual Hall of Fame of Delaware Women awards reception on September 27. "The Office of Women's Advancement & Advocacy and the Delaware Hall of Fame Committee is beyond excited to honor this group of inductees at our annual event. Despite our size, it's clear that there's no shortage of accomplished women in Delaware. Please join us as we pay homage to this incredible group of women who have served our state with such distinction."

"Delaware is fortunate to be the home to so many inspiring women," said **Saundra Ross Johnson, Secretary of the Delaware Department of Human Resources**. "These exemplary women serve as role models to all Delawareans as they passionately work to create a long-lasting positive impact on communities across the State."

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